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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Dennis Dickinson, 33, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 200 months in prison for possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. This term of imprisonment will be followed by five years of supervised release. Dickinson pleaded guilty to this charge on March 30, 2006.

Dickinson's sentence was increased because he sold a significant amount of heroin. He also traded a firearm for heroin and sent letters from jail asking his girlfriend to tell the police that he never sold drugs. Judge Shabaz stated that Dickinson's significant drug activity required a significant sentence.

The charges against Dickinson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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